

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Page 4, first paragraph of DETAILED DESCRIPTION with the following:

Referring now to FIG. 1, a hinge of the prior art that uses a separate stiffener is shown. The hinge is comprised of band 1, shaft 3 and stiffener or reinforcing rib 5. Band 1 has a tab 7 extending therefrom into slot 9 of stiffener 5. Band 1 includes a circular spring portion 11 into which shaft 3 is inserted. Shaft 3 holds stiffener 5 in position against the edge or tail portion of the band 1 only so long as shaft 3 remains fully inserted within circular portion 11. If, during repeated operations of the hinge, shaft 3 becomes slightly retracted from circular portion 11 of band 1, then stiffener 5 can assume the position shown in FIG. 2, wherein tab 7 has been disengaged from slot 9 so that band 1 is no longer stiffened by means of stiffener 5.